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Lecture 3

Welcome back. Thank you for being here. In the last conversation we talked about free will and that I do not judge free will. Even if the direction of the free will is not the highest road. There is perfection in such a decision. Like I have said, as soon as I interfere with free will, you will no longer exist.

What I am trying to teach you here is really the first mark of existence. Free will is the essence of consciousness, intention, and love. Without consciousness nothing can exist. For this reason, free will is precious to me, and it should be precious to everything that is conscious.

Since we are on this topic of existence, let's take a closer look at the meaning of existence. If you look closer, you might realize that existence is something that is relative. Because it is relative, depending on your perspective, something can exist and not exist simultaneously.

How can something exist and *not* exist simultaneously? Even before we answer this question, what does existence mean? Just look around you, How do you know that what you see exist? They exist because you can see and touch them. Other people can also *sense* them. So you conclude that things exist. By taking a step back, we notice that existence denotes something that is possible to be perceived, somehow. Now let's take another step back and ask what if we don't exist. Now all of the sudden, they cannot be perceived because nobody is around to perceive them. Since the link of perception is broken, they now cease to exist. Let us ask the question again, do they exist?

Of course they do. They are obviously there. However, since nothing else is around, their existence becomes a void. It then becomes a question of “does nothingness exist when there is only nothing?”

Next, let us talk about the concept of *everything*. If we see *everything* as one thing, can *everything* exist? Since there is only one of everything, the existence of everything

itself must be nothing. Nothing can perceive everything; therefore everything must not exist.

Conversely, what if something doesn't exist but everybody think that it does? If the tree did not fall in the forest yet everybody thought it did. The fact that the tree fell would go down in history and all future generations would learn in classes that the tree did fall.

So let me ask the question again.

Can something exist and not exist simultaneously?

The point is that depending on your perception, something could always exist and *not* exist. If you think of only everything, its existence has no meaning. Right now you might think everything has a meaning, but if you are not around to think about them, the meaning would go away. But if you think of what is inside everything, they must exist because you exist inside of everything.

So the second mark of existence is difference, relativity, or what I called the divine dichotomy. You must have something that is not you for you to exist. If you exist and nothing else, you cannot be perceived, you cannot exist.

This concept works with objects and things, it also pertains to ideas. Without wrong, you cannot have right. Without low, you cannot have high. If you don't have low, you can always have something higher, and then the high would become low again. You might think that you are smart, but this is only because you have encountered people less intelligent than you. But if everybody you see is smarter than you, even if you were as smart as the first case. You will no longer think you are smart.

So you don't really exist, except in the relative frame among different objects.

This is why I taught you not to be judgmental. If everybody think and act like you, you cannot exist. You only exist because there are souls that do things you do not agree with.

There is a point why I'm telling you all these. I am trying to answer the question why I have created you. I am god. I am the concept of everything. I therefore don't exist unless there is something that is not me to perceive me. This is why I have created you. You are ultimately the creator of God. Every action, every thought, every feeling forms a relationship to me. With the existence of this relationship, you define who I am constantly. You are god that is creating god.

To create you, I first created the concept of difference, time and ignorance. I created things that are different from you so you can also know that you exist. I have created time, for you to perceive yourself and perceive me. And lastly, I have created

ignorance because if you know everything, you would be me and not be able to perceive me.

For today, remember that the 4 marks of existence are:

1. consciousness
2. relativity, difference, divine dichotomy
3. time
4. ignorance

The last three are illusion I have created for you to exist. Now that you know the reason why I have created you, please don't draw any conclusion. I have not finished the story. And I will do so in a future conversation. Things are the way they are simply because. If you don't like it, you are god, and you have the power to change it. And what ever you choose, I'll be right behind you. I promise.